

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday, September 13th



Events

September 21
Dress Down \$1.50

September 26
1:00 Dismissal

September 28
Spirit Day - Sports

October 5
Dress Down \$1.50

October 8
No School

October 9
Papa Johns Night

October 10
Parent Virtue Night

October 19
End of 1st Quarter

No School Friday, September 14th!

A Note from the Principal

Our students and teachers all met for the second time in with their virtue families this morning. It was a wonderful way to start the day and reconnect with their family members! The topic of discussion was: what are ways that we can be better about accepting and including others? How can we show more love? It was a beautiful thing to see kids of all ages and from different classes sit together and show support and kindness to each other! We plan to dedicate Thursday mornings to meeting with our virtue families, so make sure to ask your children about what they shared in their family circles! Fall pictures went very well today with our new company, HRImaging. Thanks to office staff and teachers for their flexibility and patience in getting all our kids through! We also had our first fire drill of the year this week and I was very proud of all our students! We will have our

“official” fire drill with the fire department here next Tuesday.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas Wendle, Emmy Bruns, Carson Klasner, and Vada Khlantzos on selling the most raffle tickets and earning free wristbands for Applefest! AND extra CONGRATS to VaDa, who sold 49 TICKETS and earned some extra bonuses for her extraordinary efforts!

Applefest

Make sure to join us at Applefest this weekend! It's a wonderful opportunity to grow in our community and enjoy each other! ON SATURDAY NIGHT, Make sure to head to the STAGE at 6:00pm to watch a number of our teachers JAM OUT to an awesome lip sync! Then stay for the rest of the line-up:

6:00 Teachers

6:05 8th Grade performing All Star

6:10 Sophia Moore and Mackenzie Ingram performing Count me In

6:15 Kayli Jacobs, Lydia Kribs, Charlotte Kohl, Piper Adams, &

Elizabeth King performing Milkshake

6:20 Madison Ingram and Claire Paule performing Wake me up before you go

6:25 Bella Monroe, Julianna Rowland, Ashlynn Bennett, Julia Heil performing Better When I am Dancing

6:30 Madison Bassett, Bella Johnson, and Grace Coughlin

6:40 Mrs. Heil

Dismissal

GREAT JOB by everyone with the drop-off and dismissal procedures! Some reminders: If kids are moving, cars are not! If cars are moving, kids are not! NO BACKING UP! All cars must drive forward (towards the school) and then left; no other direction, please!

3 Options for pick up:

1. Park in the front three sections, facing the school and wait until 2:50 to be dismissed by rows (all cars pull FORWARD and then to the left)
2. If you must leave quickly for an appointment, park in the last row of spaces (closest to the trees), walk to the curb and get your child and then leave as soon as you return to your car. (All cars should be parked in spaces)
3. Come to the "late line" pick up (2:55 – 3:00). Drive around the perimeter of the trees (just like morning drop-off) up to the curb and your child gets in and you drive away.

In an effort to increase the security and safety of our students, we will be implementing a parent pick up number system this year. All Alton public grade schools, Evangelical and St. Mary's are already using a similar system for students who are picked up from school. Each family has been assigned a number. Families with multiple children have the same number, but each child has a letter added (ex: 1A, 1B, 1C). Your child's number has been clipped to his/her backpack and they have been told that it needs to stay there all year. It is required that the car that picks up your child(ren) have the number visible on the dashboard OR if you come up to the curb to walk your child(ren) to your car, please bring the number with you. This goes for ALL students PS3 - 8th grade. IF YOU USE AFTERCARE SERVICES, PLEASE BRING YOUR NUMBER WITH YOU WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. IF there's an emergency or there's a non-regular pick up situation, please call the school office and notify us WHO will be picking up your child(ren) so that we can verify that before releasing them. THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING KEEP THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR STUDENTS A PRIORITY DURING DISMISSAL!

Reach Out and Read

CALL FOR ROAR (Reach Out And Read) VOLUNTEERS!

Beginning Tuesday, October 2nd and running through Thursday, May 9th, St. Ambrose will continue in our second year of "ROAR" (Reach Out And Read) program!

This is an opportunity that supports literacy in our school.

The program takes place between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and works with our K – 3rd graders. Volunteers are encouraged to pick the day of the week that is most convenient in their weekly schedule.

Volunteers must have taken Protecting God's Children training.

Volunteers read with one student at a time. The student is reading from a book at his or her level. These will be arranged by the student's teacher.

Each student will spend approximately 10 minutes with the volunteer. Timing depends on the number of volunteers and the number of students to read.

Volunteers have flexible schedules. They can come for the entire hour and a half or only a half hour as desired. There is no need to call the school if their schedule changes. Simply come on a different morning or the next week.

If this sounds like an opportunity of which you would like to be part, please email Mrs. Heil at jheil@stambrosegodfrey.org and let her know what time(s) you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

CALL FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Our school board is looking for one additional member to serve. If you, or any member of our parish family you know, are interested in applying please download and complete the “Petition to Serve” form which can be located on either the school website (under the school board tab) or the church website (under the forms tab). You may turn in your application to either the school or parish office on or before Friday, October 5th. Thanks!

Before/After Care

Before Care is in the gym from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. After Care is in the resource room (located in the preschool wing) from 2:45 – 6:00 p.m. The entrance is through the playground gate and the preschool wing door on the right.

Scrip

Scrip can be purchased from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in the main office at school. We will work to make your Scrip purchasing as easy as